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1. ship was in Novorossiysk during the month of September 1954. Pier Number 1 (see sketch) was half repaired but was not yet being used. Pier Number 2 had a grain elevator on one side and the other side was used by passenger vessels. At the end of this pier is a signal station which was signalling to the fleet. piers numbers 3 and 4 were a supply base for military (sic) purposes. At the end of the area inland from the base of the piers there was a large, partially camouflaged tank farm. At pier 4 or 5 a 9,000-ton tanker was loaded in seven hours. An ADEDEFE-Class (sic) destroyer left the pier after bunkering for three hours. On the end of pier D there were four abutments in the form of an inverted table which were suitable for mooring boats by the stern. There were submarine pipes for the transfer of oil at this pier and a tanker was moored there. Pier B was completely ruined. Pier C contained piles of coal and there were some good cranes there. It had obviously been repaired since the war. Pier D was used by passenger ships and freighters carrying cement.

2. a heavy (sic) cruiser It had two triple-turrets forward and two aft. On the starboard side were six two-gun mounts. It had two masts and two funnels, The hull was high forward and low in the stern It was equipped with radar and flew an admiral's flag. Four destroyers of similar appearance were observed. There were two twin-gun enclosed mounts forward, one smaller than the other, on each of these vessels. Above the large mount there were four antiaircraft guns mounted side by side. Aft of each of the two stacks there were four torpedo tubes, and there was mine laying gear in the stern of each vessel.

The vessels each had two masts, and were turbine powered.

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3. There was one destroyer, smaller than the ones described above, [redacted] It had two enclosed, single-gun mounts forward and one aft. In the stern was mine laying gear but no torpedo tubes were noted. [redacted] four very fast MTB's [redacted] each with a small gun in the bow. On each side of these vessels there were eight objects which resembled oxygen tanks or torpedoes from a distance. There were two or more of these objects amidships [redacted] Each of these boats had two davits in the stern. Motor vessels like the old Turkish MARTI or SEAGULL Class patrol the coast. Eight of these were encountered. They carried depth charges, two torpedoes, and, in the stern, three guns, one of which is larger than the others. They had no mine laying gear. They were also very fast.

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4. The naval vessels described above entered the harbor, returning from gunnery practice. The destroyers went alongside the petroleum pier. One of them was loaded with cases which were brought in small craft approaching from the east. [redacted] these cases contained ammunition. The large cruiser was fueled by a lighter. Radar antennas on these vessels resembled that used by the Turkish Navy. The fleet fired rockets at night, three red rockets followed by a white flare. During the time that these ships were in port no gunfire was heard. Every morning some of the destroyers, MTB's, and boats laden with diving gear left the port, and returned in the evening.

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5. [redacted] the ROSSIYA arrived. This vessel was larger than the Turkish ISKENDERUN, which is of 6,570 GRT with three decks and a cruiser stern. The ROSSIYA is capable of more than 20 knots. On the next day the SOCHI arrived. On the third day the VUKTOPUA (VIKTORIYA ?) arrived after dark and departed before dawn. This ship is the same size and type as the ISKENDERUN. [redacted] The majority of the passengers were young girls in dresses of cotton print, short jackets, and white linen shoes. They carried wooden suitcases, bundles, and rush bags. As soon as they disembarked they left the pier. The Army officers who disembarked were cleanly and properly dressed. They carried suitcases and other articles. Deck cargo of the VUKTOPUA included cars of the "Volkswagen" type. One day three tankers of the kind used internationally, except that they had clinker built bows, entered the harbor and were loaded in a very short time. No lighters were observed [redacted] the oil was delivered by means of pipes from the shore.

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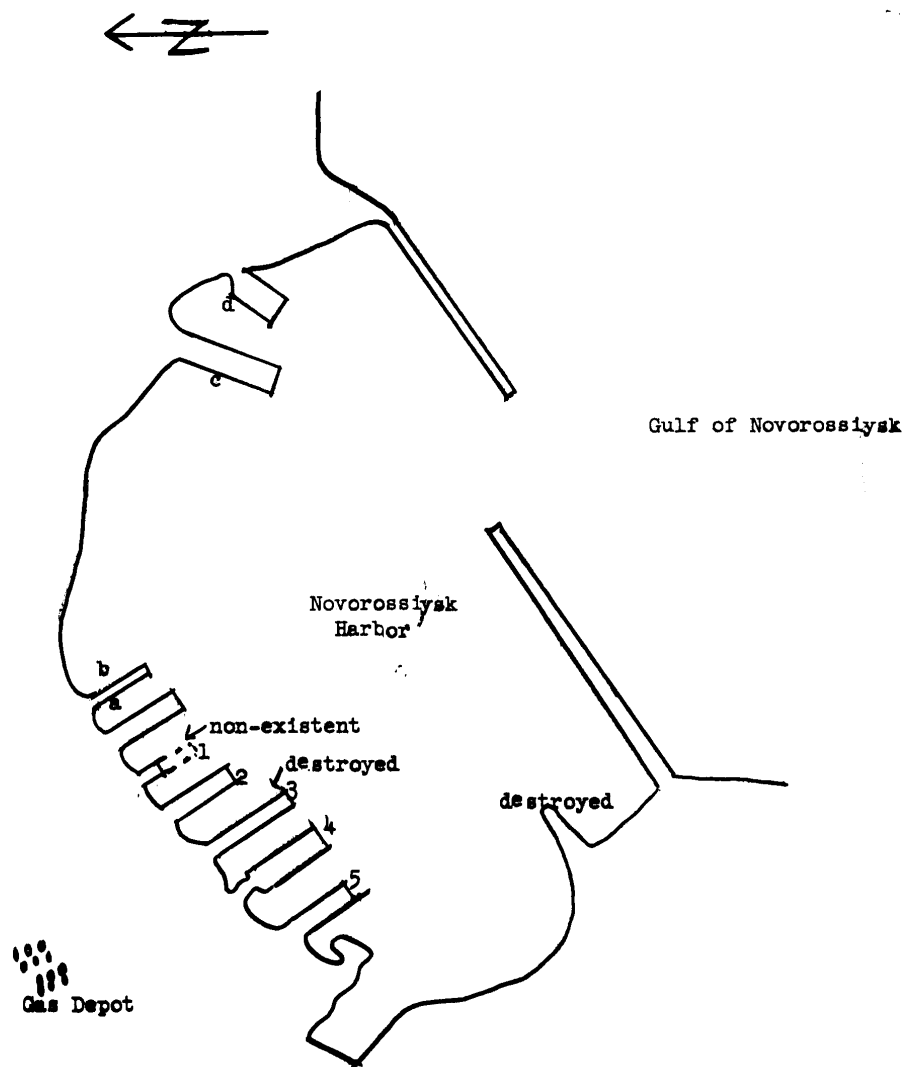
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Sketch of Novorossiysk Harbor



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